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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REACTION TO AL QUDS' ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE LOCAL ACTIVISM

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1. SUMMARY: "AL QUDS" IS CONTINUING ITS EDITORIAL CAMPAIGN TO PROMPT PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION TO REASSESS POLITICAL REALITIES AND ARTICULATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IN RESPONSE, A COMMUNIST WEEKLY, "TALI'AH", HAS ACCUSED "AL QUDS" OF TRYING TO FORM AN ALTTERNATIVE TO THE PLO. "AL FAJR," AFTER SOME REFLECTION, JUDGES THE EFFORT UNNECESSARY AND SUSPICIOUS. PRIVATE OPINION HAS THUS FAR BEEN MUTED. END SUMMARY.

2. WITHIN THE PAST WEEK, EAST JERUSALEM'S LEADING ARABIC DAILY "AL QUDS" HAS PUBLISHED TWO EDITORIALS PURSUING
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THEMES OF POLITICAL REALISM AND LOCAL PALESTINIAN RESPONSIBILITIES. NEITHER GOES SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND THEMES REPORTED REFTELS.

3. FIRST REACTION IN PRINT CAME FROM EAST JERUSALEM COMMUNIST WEEKLY "AT TALI'AH MAY 11. (COMMENT: "AT TALI'AH" IS AFFILIATED WITH RAKAH AND THE COMMUNIST

PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATION CONTROLLED BY COMMUNIST PARTY OF JORDAN.) CITING "AL QUDS" BY NAME, "AT TALI'AH" CHARGED THAT THE CALL FOR EFFECTIVE WEST BANK ACTION CONTRADICTS PALESTINIAN UNITY AND THE PLO PEROGATIVE TO REPRESENT PALESTINIANS. "AL QUDS" SUGGESTIONS ARE INTERPRETED BY "AT TALI'AH" AS A CALL FOR AN ALTERNATIVE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, IN CONFORMITY WITH AMERICAN DESIRES.

4. AFTER INITIAL HESITATION, THE PRO-PLO DAILY "AL FAJR" MAY 17 ATTACKED "SUSPICIOUS TALK OF ALLEGED SILENCE." WITHOUT MENTIONING "AL QUDS" BY NAME, "AL FAJR" DISPUTED EXISTENCE OF ANY SILENT MAJORITY BY REFERRING TO NUMEROUS PUBLIC DECLARATIONS BY MAYORS, NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, ETC. DETAILING A WEST BANK POSITION. CALLS FOR ACTION AND SPEAKING OUT, "AL FAJR" CONTENDED, ARE LINED WITH SADAT'S RECENT SUGGESTION THAT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA REVERT TO THEIR PRE-'67 GOVERNORS AND RECENT TALK OF MODIFICATION IN THE BEGIN PLAN. QUESTION NOW, ACCORDING TO "AL FAJR," IS WHETHER JORDAN WILL BECOME ENTANGLED IN THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN PLANS.

5. IF "AL QUDS" CAMPAIGN IS PROVOKING ANY PRIVATE REACTION, WE HAVE YET TO ENCOUNTER IT.
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